

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Cherry Hill Semi Truck Issues Task Force
10-20-22

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas called the meeting of the City of Erlanger Cherry Hill Semi Truck Issues Task Force to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 4:01pm, Thursday, October 20, 2022.

The following were present:

- Jennifer Jasper-Lucas
- Julie Estep
- Jessica Fette
- Vicki Kyle
- Bill Wulfeck
- Ruth Stoup
- Jerry Stoup
- Randy Godsey
- Rebecca Reckers
- Emi Randall
- Josh Nezi
- Diana Niceley
- Tom Cahill
- Don Skidmore
- Peter Glenn
- Renee Skidmore
- Denise Nevins

Discussion

Current Situation with Semi Trucks

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas described the current situation with the semi trucks and the issues it's causing. Semi Trucks are entering the Cherry Hill neighborhood which is a No Through Trucks area and taking down poles which takes out power and internet, tears up yards and mailboxes and knocks over fire hydrants and signs. This also causes road(s) and entrance(s) blocked by repair vehicles, residents without power and internet, unable to work from home, continued frustration by residents, occupying the time of first responders and residents and truck drivers getting into altercations. Mrs. Jasper-Lucas reviewed the entrances and exits that the trucks are using:

There are three entrances into Cherry Hill:

1. Houston Road to Sycamore Tree Lane (Erlanger)
2. Donaldson to Cherry Tree Lane (Erlanger)
3. Donaldson to Queensway Drive (Unincorporated Boone Co)

Officer Nezi pointed out that there is also a Queensway Place in Boone Co by which trucks are entering. Several residents also mentioned trucks on Rodeo Dr which intersects with Cherry Tree but Peter Glenn pointed out that Rodeo is a private road so we can't really control anything on that street. That is in Erlanger.

We believe that most semis are entering through the Queensway Dr and Queensway Pl entrances and exiting through the Sycamore Tree exit.

Mrs. Jasper-Lucas also reviewed that the semis are usually going to the Erlanger Commerce Center (660, 650, 680 Erlanger Road). Businesses located there are currently Perfetti Van Melle, Novalex and Coca Cola Consolidated. Emi Randall confirmed that Amazon moved out about 6 months ago but Levi's will be moving in soon.

Mrs. Jasper-Lucas reviewed the solutions that the city has attempted so far.

1. Renamed the section of Erlanger Road between Houston Road and Sycamore Tree Lane to Sycamore Tree Lane. This was implemented in Link GIS System and pushed to all data systems that get data from Link GIS.
2. Installed signage, boulders and lane dividers along Houston Road in an attempt to keep semis from turning into Cherry Hill.
3. Assisted by OKI with updating road data on Open Street Maps system which feeds data to several street map systems. This system feeds Apple Maps.
4. Contacted Apple requesting that Apple Maps be updated. Councilwoman Reckers contacted someone with "Developer Rights" and the Erlanger Commerce Center now shows buildings instead of dirt.
5. Contacted Google Maps requesting to "fix an address" to change the location of 660 Erlanger Road.
6. Discussed closing Sycamore Tree Lane and making it into a cul-de-sac.

Everyone agreed that the signage installed helps. But there is little to no signage at the Boone County entrances. Everyone also agreed that the other things we have done have contributed to fewer semis but has not stopped them. Several attendees pointed out that most semi drivers are only coming to this location once or twice and this isn't a route they take regularly. The drivers that come regularly aren't the ones who are driving through Cherry Hill. It's the one time trip drivers. So communicating with the drivers is helpful if we are able to do that but it won't make a huge difference because they may never return.

Officer Nezi responded to a recent semi truck in the neighborhood and asked them what GPS they used that directed them into the neighborhood. He found that the map data

comes from Here Technologies and he's looking further into how to update that to show where Erlanger Commerce Center actually is. Officers will continue to ask semi drivers what GPS system they are using when possible so we can continue to work on updating those GPS systems. Officer Nezi pointed out that sometimes updating these systems takes multiple requests over a long period of time.

Other Options

Vicki Kyle suggested that cameras be installed to catch the semis and cite them. It was pointed out that this may be helpful in a reactive way but really doesn't prevent the trucks from coming through. Officer Nezi mentioned that the PD may be asking for cameras in their budget next year and this could be included but agreed it didn't prevent the trucks from coming in. And we also couldn't install them in Boone Co which is where we think most trucks are entering.

Emi Randall reviewed the communication that has been done up to now with the tenants and owners of Erlanger Commerce Center. Jennifer Jasper-Lucas suggested that communication with them take place more regularly. Emi will work on that and bring an update to our next meeting.

Officer Nezi said they will continue to investigate the GPS systems being used and work on updating those. Mrs. Jasper-Lucas asked him to share with the task force if there were opportunities for them to assist in this by reporting issues, etc.

Several residents stated that the signage to the entrance of Erlanger Commerce Center is small and difficult to read and maybe that could be changed.

We briefly discussed the temporary closure of Sycamore Tree by the state as they work on construction on Houston Rd. Residents in attendance expressed concerns about this becoming permanent and made it clear that they do not want that to happen.

Tom Cahill reported that he previously communicated with Jeff Earlywine with Boone Co regarding increasing patrols at the Boone Co entrances. Jennifer Jasper-Lucas will draft an email to Boone Co to begin a dialogue with them again to encourage them to do more including signage, patrols, and barriers. Etc.

Mrs. Jasper-Lucas suggested that the next meeting take place in mid-December in order to give everyone time to work on the solutions discussed. She will send out the date to everyone and advised the residents to keep an eye out for the date on the City's social media. She also encouraged residents to continue reporting semis in the

neighborhood to 911 or the non-emergency number and to encourage other residents to do the same.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 with a motion by Rebecca Reckers and a second by Renee Skidmore.

ATTESTED BY:

APPROVED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas
Chairperson
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